

Minutes of the Land Use and Development Committee

The Land Use and Development Committee of the McLean County Board met on Thursday, July 5, 2007 at 4:45 p.m. in Room 400, Government Center, 115 E. Washington Street, Bloomington, Illinois.

Members Present: Chairman Gordon, Members Segobiano, Baggett, Caisley and Ahart

Members Absent: Member Clark

Other Board Members Present: None

Staff Present: Mr. John Zeunik, County Administrator;
Ms. Lucretia Wherry, Recording Secretary,
County Administrator's Office

Department Heads/
Elected Officials
Present: Mr. Phil Dick, Director, Building and Zoning

Others Present: None

Chairman Gordon called the meeting to order at 4:45 p.m. Chairman Gordon stated that the first order of business is consideration of the June 7, 2007 minutes.

Motion by Caisley/Baggett to place the Minutes of the June 7, 2007 Land Use and Development Committee meeting on file as submitted.
Motion carried.

Chairman Gordon presented the bills from June, 2007 which have been reviewed and recommended for transmittal to the Land Use and Development Committee by the County Auditor. The prepaid total and the fund total is \$19,062.77. He asked for a motion to approve the bills.

Motion by Segobiano/Baggett to recommend approval of the June, 2007 bills as presented by the County Auditor. Motion carried.

Chairman Gordon stated that the first item for the Committee's consideration is a request to approve a Regional Planning Service Agreement between the McLean County Regional Planning Commission and the County for July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008.

Motion by Segobiano/Caisley to recommend approval of a Regional Planning Service Agreement between the McLean County Regional Planning Commission and the County for the term July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008.

Mr. Segobiano asked if there were any duplication of duties between the County's Planners and the Planners employed by Regional Planning. Mr. Zeunik replied that the County Planners and the Planners employed by the Town of Normal and City of Bloomington look at current short-term needs and proposed development projects in the County. Regional Planning staff looks at long-term growth issues, including the preparation of the Comprehensive Plan for McLean County.

Mr. Segobiano stated that the Comprehensive Plan is not always followed. Mr. Zeunik replied that it is unfortunate that the Town of Normal and City of Bloomington do not always follow the Comprehensive Plan when it comes to contiguous growth. The County does not have the authority to restrain the growth of the City of Bloomington or Town of Normal if either city decides to annex land.

**Ms. Ahart arrived at 4:56 p.m.

Ms. Ahart stated that she wished there were more cooperation between the local governments. Mr. Zeunik stated that Regional Planning does review and rate all development projects. However, if Regional Planning rates a project low, the Town and the City may decide to continue on with the project.

Mr. Dick added that in the past, the review from Regional Planning was not always completed prior to the Council making a decision on the project. However, Regional Planning is now the first to review plans. Mr. Dick stated that the planners meet once a week at the Highway Department to discuss new projects. A Committee is also in place to review and update the Comprehensive Plan. Mr. Dick stated that he and Chairman Gordon sit on this Committee. Mr. Segobiano asked that the Land Use and Development Committee get copies of the minutes of the meetings of this Comprehensive Plan Committee.

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Chairman Gordon asked if there were any further questions. Hearing none, he stated the Chairman will vote and called for a vote on the pending motion.

Motion carried.

Chairman Gordon stated that there are no other actions items. He asked if the Committee would like to adjust the meeting time. Ms. Ahart stated that she is on the Property Committee which meets just prior to Land Use and Development Committee. The Committee agreed not to change the meeting time of the Land Use and Development Committee.

Chairman Gordon asked if there was any further discussion or comments. Hearing none, he adjourned the meeting at 5:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lucretia A. Wherry
Recording Secretary

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